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**U.S. District Court**  
**District of Columbia (Washington, DC)**  
**CIVIL DOCKET FOR CASE #: 1:17-cv-02246-ABJ**

AMERICAN OVERSIGHT v. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE

Assigned to: Judge Amy Berman Jackson

Demand: \$0

Cause: 05:552 Freedom of Information Act

Date Filed: 10/31/2017

Date Terminated: 02/28/2019

Jury Demand: None

Nature of Suit: 895 Freedom of  
Information Act

Jurisdiction: U.S. Government Defendant

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Date Filed	#	Docket Text
10/31/2017	<u>1</u>	COMPLAINT against U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE ( Filing fee \$ 400 receipt number 0090-5183119) filed by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Civil Cover Sheet, # <u>2</u> Summons, # <u>3</u> Summons, # <u>4</u> Summons)(Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 10/31/2017)
10/31/2017	<u>2</u>	LCvR 7.1 CERTIFICATE OF DISCLOSURE of Corporate Affiliations and Financial Interests by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 10/31/2017)
10/31/2017		Case Assigned to Judge Amy Berman Jackson. (md) (Entered: 10/31/2017)
11/03/2017	<u>3</u>	SUMMONS (3) Issued Electronically as to U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE, U.S. Attorney and U.S. Attorney General (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Notice of Consent) (zmd) (Entered: 11/03/2017)
11/09/2017	<u>4</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed as to the United States Attorney. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney on 11/7/2017. ( Answer due for ALL FEDERAL DEFENDANTS by 12/7/2017.), RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 11/7/2017, RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed on United States Attorney General. Date of Service Upon United States Attorney General 11/7/2017. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 11/09/2017)

12/05/2017	<u>5</u>	RETURN OF SERVICE/AFFIDAVIT of Summons and Complaint Executed. U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE served on 12/1/2017 (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit A)(Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 12/05/2017)
12/07/2017	<u>6</u>	ANSWER to <u>1</u> Complaint by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Exhibit Request F-2017-12874, # <u>2</u> Exhibit Request F-2017-14831)(Westmoreland, Rachael) Modified to add link on 12/8/2017 (znmw). (Entered: 12/07/2017)
12/08/2017	<u>7</u>	MOTION for Scheduling Order by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 12/08/2017)
12/11/2017		MINUTE ORDER. Before the Court in this FOIA case are a complaint and an answer. The requirements of Local Civil Rule 16.3 and Rule 26(f) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure appear to be inapplicable. It is the Court's standard practice after the defendant has answered in a FOIA case to order the defendant to file a dispositive motion or, in the alternative, a report setting forth the schedule for the completion of its production of documents to plaintiff, within approximately one month. Given the parties' mutual interest in conferring about these issues, the Court will order them to submit a joint report on the status of the production, along with a proposed schedule for further proceedings, if any, by January 31, 2018. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/11/2017. (lcabj3) (Entered: 12/11/2017)
12/11/2017		MINUTE ORDER finding as moot <u>7</u> plaintiff's Motion for Scheduling Order. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 12/11/2017. (lcabj3) (Entered: 12/11/2017)
01/31/2018	<u>8</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Westmoreland, Rachael) (Entered: 01/31/2018)
02/02/2018		MINUTE ORDER. Defendant must make an initial production of responsive records by March 7, 2018. Thereafter, defendant must make productions on the 7th day of each month until the FOIA productions are complete. The parties must file a joint status report by March 15, 2018, which should indicate the number of records that remain to be reviewed and the time frame in which defendant will complete the review of the records. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 02/02/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 02/02/2018)
03/13/2018	<u>9</u>	Unopposed MOTION for Extension of Time to <i>Submit Joint Status Report</i> by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Westmoreland, Rachael) (Entered: 03/13/2018)
03/15/2018		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>9</u> Motion for Extension of Time. The parties must file a joint status report by March 22, 2018. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 03/15/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 03/15/2018)
03/22/2018	<u>10</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Westmoreland, Rachael) (Entered: 03/22/2018)
03/23/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must file a joint status report by May 4, 2018, which should include a proposed briefing schedule, if necessary. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 03/23/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 03/23/2018)
05/04/2018	<u>11</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 05/04/2018)
05/07/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must file a joint status report by June 18, 2018. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 05/07/2018. (lcabj3) Modified on 5/7/2018 (tb). (Entered: 05/07/2018)
06/18/2018	<u>12</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 06/18/2018)
06/19/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must submit a joint status report by August 9, 2018, which should include a proposed schedule for further proceedings, if necessary. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 06/19/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 06/19/2018)
08/09/2018	<u>13</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 08/09/2018)

08/10/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must submit an updated status report by August 24, 2018. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 8/10/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 08/10/2018)
08/23/2018	<u>14</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 08/23/2018)
08/24/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must submit an updated status report by September 28, 2018, if the matter has not been resolved by then. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 08/24/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 08/24/2018)
09/27/2018	<u>15</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 09/27/2018)
09/28/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must submit an updated joint status report by October 30, 2018. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 09/28/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 09/28/2018)
10/30/2018	<u>16</u>	NOTICE of Change of Address by Rachael Lynn Westmoreland (Westmoreland, Rachael) (Entered: 10/30/2018)
10/30/2018	<u>17</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Westmoreland, Rachael) (Entered: 10/30/2018)
11/07/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must file an updated status report by November 29, 2018. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 11/07/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 11/07/2018)
11/29/2018	<u>18</u>	Joint STATUS REPORT by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 11/29/2018)
11/30/2018		MINUTE ORDER. The parties must file an updated status report by January 3, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 11/30/2018. (lcabj3) (Entered: 11/30/2018)
01/03/2019	<u>19</u>	MOTION to Stay by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (Attachments: # <u>1</u> Text of Proposed Order)(Griffiths, John) (Entered: 01/03/2019)
01/04/2019		MINUTE ORDER granting <u>19</u> Motion to Stay. The January 3, 2019 joint status report deadline is hereby vacated. Defendant must file a status report within two business days of the resumption of government operations. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 1/4/19. (DMK) (Entered: 01/04/2019)
01/29/2019	<u>20</u>	STATUS REPORT by U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE. (Westmoreland, Rachael) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
01/29/2019		MINUTE ORDER. In light of the government's status report <u>20</u> , the stay in this case is lifted and the parties must file a joint status report by February 28, 2019. SO ORDERED. Signed by Judge Amy Berman Jackson on 01/29/2019. (lcabj3) (Entered: 01/29/2019)
02/28/2019	<u>21</u>	STIPULATION of Dismissal by AMERICAN OVERSIGHT. (Cafasso, Cerissa) (Entered: 02/28/2019)